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In re Application of: Chiang, Hiaso-Dong  
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For: DYNAMICAL METHOD FOR OBTAINING GLOBAL OPTIMAL  
SOLUTION OF GENERAL NONLINEAR PROGRAMMING  
PROBLEMS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the entire specification with the substitute specification attached hereto. The substitute specification is supported by the disclosure as originally filed, and contains no new matter.

A marked up copy of the foregoing substitute specification, showing all of the changes relative to the previous version of said specification, is attached hereto, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii).

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-12 and add new claims 13-40 as follows:

13. (New) A method for obtaining a global optimal solution of general nonlinear programming problems, comprising the steps of:

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